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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN REASSESSMENT OF FUTURE INTERNAL  
AIRLINE AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS.

1. IN WHAT HAS BECOME A CUSTOMARY EXERCISE FOR HIM AFTER  
AN OVERSEAS INSPECTION TOUR, CHARLES JONES, AUSTRALIAN  
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EUROPE WITH  
PRAISE FOR THE AIRCRAFT HE HAS MOST RECENTLY INSPECTED--  
IN THIS CASE, THE EUROPEAN AIRBUS--SUGGESTING THAT IT SEEMED  
TO BE "MORE THAN COMPETITIVE" WITH THE LOCKHEED 1011 OR THE  
DC-10. JONES INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NOT APPROVE ANY  
INTERNAL AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES' APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL  
BOEING 727'S UNTIL THE POSSIBILITY OF EARLY (I.E. 1975)  
INTRODUCTION OF WIDE-BODIED JETS HAD BEEN RECONSIDERED.

2. PRIVATELY, DCA STAFFERS TEND TO DOWNPLAY THE SIGNIFICANCE  
OF THE JONES' STATEMENT ON THE A-300B, REGARDING IT MORE AS  
AN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT ALL AVAILABLE WIDE-BODIED JETS  
ARE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED FOR TAA AND ANSETT 727 FOLLOW-ONS,  
RATHER THAN AS A SPECIFIC PITCH FOR THE AIRBUS.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH JONES'S REMARKS REGARDING THE AIRBUS  
MAY BE SOMEWHAT DISCOUNTED, IN VIEW OF HIS TENDENCY TO BE  
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VERY IMPRESSED BY THE AIRCRAFT TYPE HE HAS MOST RECENTLY

INSPECTED, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO FORWARD FOR  
POST'S USE COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL INFORMATION,  
HIGHLIGHTING THE ADVANTAGES OF US WIDE-BODIED AIRCRAFT,  
INCLUDING PROJECTED DOUGLAS TWIN-ENGINE DC-10, VIS-A-VIS  
AIRBUS COMPETITOR. THE POST WILL USE THIS INFORMATION TO PROMOTE  
US SALES AND EXPORTS.  
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